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VIETNAM CEASEFIRE AGREEMENT

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1. THE RTG FOREIGN MINISTRY ON JUNE 14 RELEASED THE
FOLLOWING STATEMENT CONCERNING THE RECENTLY CONCLUDED
PARIS JOINT COMMUNIQUE ON VN CEASEFIRE AGREEMENT:
BEGIN QUOTE. THAILAND' S DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER
CHARTCHAI CHUNHAWAN THURSDAY WELCOMED THE FACT THAT
ALL THE PARTIES INVOLVED IN INDOCHINA HAD ONCE AGAIN
RESORTED TO PEACEFUL MEANS, INSTEAD OF THE USE OF FORCE,
IN SETTLING THEIR REMAINING PROBLEMS.

BUT HE ADDED THAT IT REMAINED TO BE SEEN HOW THE NEW DOCUMENT
(THE PARIS JOINT COMMUNIQUE) WOULD WORK OUT.

MAJOR GENERAL CHARTCHAI CHUNHAWAN GAVE THE COMMENTS
THIS MORNING IN RESPONSE TO NEWSMEN ' S REQUEST AFTER
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REPORTS FROM PARIS SAID THAT THE FOUR PARTIES IN VIETNAM HAD SIGNED A JOINT COMMUNIQUE AT THE END OF THE U. S.-NORTH VIETNAM TALKS ON IMPLEMENTING THE PARIS AGREEMENT. THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, MAJOR GENERAL CHARTCHAI CHUNHAWAN, STRESSED THAT " TRUE PEACE IN THE REGION CAN BE REALIZED ONLY WHEN THE CESSATION OF HOSTILITIES IS EXTENDED TO COVER THE ENTIRE INDOCHINA AREA, EMBRACING ALSO THE KINGDOM OF LAOS AND THE KHMER REPUBLIC."

HE DECLARED THAT " PARTICULARLY FOREIGN FORCES MUST WITHDRAW FROM THE TERRITORY OF THE KHMER REPUBLIC, THE KINGDOM OF LAOS AND THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM SO THAT THE PEOPLES OF THESE COUNTRIES SHALL BE PERMITTED TO SETTLE THEIR INTERNAL POLITICAL PROBLEMS AMONG THEMSELVES WITHOUT ANY FORM OR MANNER OF INTERFERENCE FROM OUTSIDE."

THE DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER REGRETTED THAT THE JOINT COMMUNIQUE WHICH WAS SIGNED IN PARIS ON JUNE 13, 1973, SIMPLY " REFERS TO ARTICLE 20 OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT, WHICH PERTAINS TO LAOS AND THE KHMER REPUBLIC, WITHOUT MENTIONING THE MEASURES NECESSARY FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF PEACE IN THESE TWO COUNTRIES."

MAJOR GENERAL CHARTCHAI CHUNHAWAN CONCLUDED HIS REMARKS BY SAYING THAT " THAILAND HAS NO OTHER DESIRE THAN TO SEE THAT ALL THE COUNTRIES OF SOUTHEAST ASIA, REGARDLESS OF THEIR IDEOLOGY, COOPERATE WITH EACH OTHER IN CONSTRUCTIVE PURSUITS FOR THE WELL- BEING OF THEIR RESPECTIVE PEOPLES AND FOR THE COHESIVENESS OF SOUTHEAST ASIA AS A WHOLE." END QUOTE.

2. PRESS COMMENT TO DATE HAS BEEN MARKED BY SKEPTICISM THAT THE JOINT COMMUNIQUE WILL RESULT IN LASTING PEACE IN INDOCHINA. AN EDITORIAL IN THE NATION JUNE 15, ENTITLED " WHAT' S NEW ABOUT IT?" EXPRESSED STRONG DOUBTS THAT THERE WILL BE ANY CHANGE IN THE STATUS QUO IN VIETNAM CONSIDERING THE TOTAL CONTEMPT THE VIETCONG AND NORTH VIETNAMESE HAVE SHOWN TOWARDS ALL AGREEMENTS DATING BACK TO THE GENEVA AGREEMENT OF 1954. CHINESE- LANGUAGE HSING HSIEN WAN PAO SAID THAT IT WAS APPARENT THAT THE KISSINGER- THO TALKS FAILED TO SETTLE THE SITUATION IN UNCLASSIFIED

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LAOS AND, PARTICULARLY, IN CAMBODIA. CHINESE- LANGUAGE HSING HSIEN JIH PAO ALSO POINTED OUT THAT THE COMMUNIQUE FAILED TO MENTION ANY AGREEMENT ON INTERVENTION IN LAOS AND CAMBODIA. IT ADDED THAT THE CONTENTS OF THE COMMUNIQUE SHOW THAT NVN HAS GAINED MORE ADVANTAGES THAN SVN AS A RESULT OF CONCESSIONS MADE BY THE US AND, MOREOVER, IT IS DISCERNIBLE THAT BOTH THE US AND SVN HAVE MADE

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